

**Village of Salado  
Salado Municipal Building  
301 North Stagecoach Road  
Salado, Texas  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Aldermen  
September 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Skip Blancett.

Joe Keyes of Salado Church of Christ gave the Invocation and Acton Academy students Jackson and Mia Delio led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Board Members Present: Mayor Skip Blancett, Mayor Pro-tem Frank Coachman, Aldermen Rodney Bell, Amber Preston Dankert, John Cole, and Michael Coggin.

Staff Present: Village Administrator Don Ferguson, City Secretary Cara McPartland, Police Chief Pat Boone, and Tourism Director Chadley Hollas

### **1. Citizens Communications**

Paul Cox of 2716 Winners Circle Drive spoke of the current golf cart ordinance as vague and open to interpretation. He noted research of other cities' and homeowners associations' golf cart regulations that include common prohibitions on nighttime/street driving and driver's license/insurance requirements. He recalled an recent observation of a passenger parent allowing a minor child to drive, with a second child standing up in front of the parent. He feared the Village of Salado may be liable in the event of an accident due to lack of specificity in the ordinance.

Salado Historical Society President Judy Fields of 818 Blaylock Circle spoke on the upcoming Salado Home Tour and Christmas Stroll events, including dates/times and ticket purchases. She read from a handout (*full text attached to these minutes*) detailing these events and other tourism-related activities. She encouraged attendance at these events and promotion of tourism in general.

### **2. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of minutes of the Regular Board of Aldermen meeting of August 15, 2019
- B. Approval of the FY 2019 Quarterly Investment Reports

Alderman Dankert moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Alderman Bell seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **3. Status Reports**

- A. Village Administrator's Status Report
  - Wastewater Project Update

Village Administrator Ferguson reported approximately 42 percent of the properties in the service area have paid impact fees and are connected or are in the process of connection. He asked for Board input before pursuing a mail-out to remind affected property owners of the October 1<sup>st</sup> wastewater system connection deadline. He advised that Salado ISD schools along Thomas Arnold Road are connected, with connection of Salado High School underway. No issues have been reported with the treatment plant. He stated that cold tank systems for lift stations have been ordered to address intermittent odor issues. Cost estimates were provided for specific wastewater system extensions requested by customers on the east and west sides of IH-35 (outside the initial service area), with design and installation for such extensions to be at the customer's cost. The entire cost for connection to existing and possible future development on the frontage area on the west side of IH-35 is projected to be \$1,250,00 and would include a low-pressure system and a force main with lift stations. He also provided cost estimates for connecting the Salado Public Library, Holiday Inn Express, Days Inn, Brookshire Brothers/Salado Plaza, and certain properties along Royal Street and Rock Creek. He reminded that current policy states the customer requesting the service pays for the extension. He asked for Board input on scheduling a future agenda item regarding alternatives to the October 1<sup>st</sup> connection deadline. General consensus favored leaving the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline in place.

- Main Street Improvement Project

No report was presented on this item.

- Salado Christmas Stroll

This report was heard after the Wastewater Project Update.

Village Administrator Ferguson reported on Stroll dates, additional lighting, and parking signage to enhance pedestrian safety. He advised that Capital Excavation crews will not be working on Stroll weekends and plan to relocate heavy equipment to minimize impact on Stroll activities. He noted that business owners did not express interest in any street closures this year, but discussion of closing portions of streets will be re-visited early in next year's planning process.

- Legislative Update

Village Administrator Ferguson reported on specific legislation affecting cities, such as website postings, removing cities' authority to regulate types of building materials (except those allowed under current building codes) or to designate properties as historic without permission from the property owner. He also noted new legislation regarding plat process requirements that shorten the review process and restrictions on cities' ability to annex property, with larger cities no longer able to involuntarily annex property without a public vote. He advised that Village ordinances will be updated to reflect changes resulting from the legislative session.

- Future Developments

Village Administrator Ferguson reported the Minimum Lot Size Task Force will be submitting its recommendations to the Board of Aldermen on September 19, 2019. He noted the following active

subdivision development items: Bluff at Mill Creek amendment; Salado Mills Phase III; Salado Mills Phase IV; Windmill Estates Phase I; Mill Creek Springs Phase X; Sanctuary Phase I; and Amity Phase V. He noted some of these subdivisions are inside the Village city limits and some within the Village's ETJ. He anticipated submission of plats for developments on Royal Street, West Village at Williams Road, and FM 2268.

In addition, Village Administrator Ferguson reported on an upcoming inspection of Pace Park due to expressed safety concerns and status of line repairs by ONCOR to elevate a problem low-hanging line.

Discussion addressed the State legislature's action to restrict cities' ability to regulate building materials for residential/commercial developments; effect of annexations to expand ETJ areas contiguous to city limits; mixed use development (as opposed to strictly residential) to help provide revenue needed for infrastructure needs; and projected date of September 15<sup>th</sup> for the Sanctuary construction to break ground. Mayor Blancett felt the Village should consider truck permitting to minimize negative impact of heavy truck traffic on streets and power lines.

#### B. Salado Police Status Report

- Calls for Service
- Police Department Staffing
- National Night Out
- Citizens on Patrol (COP)

Chief Pat Boone reported on August calls for service, reports written, citations/warnings issued, arrests made, Priority 1, 2, and 3 response times, and vehicle crashes. He spoke on COP assistance provided for upcoming events, house watch program, National Night Out activities, and two newly hired officers, Shawn Miller and John Oster.

Discussion addressed additional staffing to cover vacation/absences. Mayor Blancett thanked Chief Boone for the increased community presence of officers.

#### C. Salado Fire Chief Status Report

- Calls for service

On behalf of Fire Chief Shane Berrier who could not be present, Police Chief Pat Boone reported on the county-wide burn ban and the upcoming annual fish fry on September 14, 2019.

#### D. Tourism Director's Report

- Salado Marketing Plan Update
- Upcoming Events

Tourism Director Chadley Hollas reported on an upward trend in visitors, increased social media growth/revenues; positive digital marketing statistics; and promotion of upcoming events,

including the Culinary Festival, Grape Stomp, monthly Sip and Shop/Royal Street Art Walk, Sirena Fest, and Christmas Stroll. Discussion addressed statistics reflecting slightly fewer social media followers, but longer engagement times, and spotlighting artists.

#### 4. Public Hearings

- A. Hold a public hearing regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget for the Village of Salado. (*Village Administrator*)

Mayor Blancett explained public hearing procedures.

Village Administrator Ferguson presented an overview of various Village funds, revenues, and expenditures. Highlights of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget included:

- General Fund Expenditures: 3.5 percent salary increase for all employees, except the Village Administrator; \$56,000 for School Resource Officer position; \$40,000 for public restroom trailer; \$60,000 for street improvements; \$30,000 for local drainage improvements; \$10,000 for tree maintenance; \$10,000 for Salado Volunteer Fire Department contracted services; \$15,000 for police vehicle.
- General Fund Revenues: Projected increases of 20 percent in sales tax collections; 6.2 percent in property tax revenue; 17 percent in mixed beverage tax collections; 17 percent in electric franchise fees; 33 percent in building permit fees; 5 percent in municipal court revenues.
- Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund: Projected 4.8 percent increase in room tax revenues; 3.5 percent salary increase for director; \$23,400 for part-time visitor's center clerk and two weekend trolley drivers; \$70,000 for tourism marketing campaign; \$21,000 for Salado Art and Cultural District to be earmarked for wayfinding signage.
- Wastewater Fund: \$177,000 increase for monthly service fee revenues; \$80,000 increase in maintenance and operation costs; \$21,000 increase in electric costs; \$10,000 increase in sludge removal costs; no rate increase proposed for monthly service fees for wastewater customers in the coming year; no General Fund operating subsidy is projected for Fiscal Year 2020, which is the first full year of operations.
- Interest and Sinking Fund: 1.4 percent increase in property tax revenue; 2.8% increase in 2015 bond issue principal payment; 4.7 percent decrease in 2015 bond issue interest payment; 47 percent increase in 2018 bond issue principal payment; 25 percent decrease in 2018 bond issue interest payment.

Village Administrator Ferguson proposed a decrease in debt service tax rate from the rollback rate to the effective tax rate, which is the tax rate that will generate the same amount of revenue as last year with this year's values. He proposed reducing the debt service rate about 9 percent (from 0.406500 in Mayor's Proposed Budget to 0.368200).

Discussion addressed next year's possible rollback rate; new State legislative changes to cities' taxing authority; identification of street/drainage improvement projects; tree trimming in the rights-of-way; clarification on the FY2020 Proposed Budget figures in relation to the FY2019 Approved Budget and end of fiscal year budget amendments; employee pay raises; public works

employee duties; contracted maintenance of gateway signs and mowing; needed improvements for Salado Plaza Drive; salary comparisons with other entities; and future staffing needs.

Mayor Blancett opened the public hearing at 8:14 p.m. and announced the first and second calls for speakers.

Linda Reynolds of 507 Santa Rosa was very excited to hear about the proposed decrease in the tax rate from the rollback to effective rate. She said this community will support the Board when it says the Village really needs something (for example, roads). She asked if the font for the FY2020 Proposed Budget could be made larger and easier to read online and in print. She also appreciated that the Salado Volunteer Fire Department's proposed funding allocation has been increased. Village Administrator Ferguson replied affirmatively to Mrs. Reynolds' request for easier to read font on budget documents and advised copies are also available at the Municipal Building.

Darlene Walsh of 1001 Mill Creek Drive spoke on an effective community recycling program used by a similarly sized city in Michigan that utilizes recycling bins in the local high school parking lot and helps reduce a lot of wear and tear on streets from garbage/recycling trucks. She also spoke on signs in downtown shop windows in Traverse City, Michigan containing a map that includes locations of public restrooms. She said certain shops/stores have agreed to offer their restrooms as public restrooms, with blue and white "public restroom" signs. She felt the Village could save \$40,000 if such a program was implemented for public restroom use.

Tim Fleischer of 912 Cedar Park Circle spoke of the desperate need to increase income from property taxes by raising the M & O tax rate by moving money from the debt service tax rate, without increasing the overall rate. He felt that the Village would cripple itself by going back to the effective rate this year. He said every increase in revenue should be funneled into streets. He said roads would be a very expensive bond issue and high tax rates keep people from investing in Salado. He stated the only other alternative is sales tax collections. He said every other city collects 1.5 percent in sales tax revenue, while the Village only collects 1 percent. He spoke of another entity (Salado Public Library) that collects .5 percent sales tax with a budget of about \$400,000 that purchases less than \$50,000 of books every year. He felt the Village needs a portion of that sales tax allocation in order to dedicate that revenue to roads. He said .25 percent would leave the Library with about \$200,000 for operating costs.

Christopher Seaton of 509 Indian Trail felt that proposing the effective tax rate is going in the right direction. He spoke of living here since 1999, with police/fire protection/road maintenance by Bell County, and said now he pays taxes, but receives no more services than he did before incorporation. He felt we are comparing ourselves with big cities, but said Salado has about 2,300 citizens, with about half of those paying a large portion of taxes. He appreciated questions asked tonight about expenditures and asked the Board to keep in mind that a small portion of taxpayers pay for a huge benefit to people outside city limits. He spoke of discussion of a new playground that would benefit "everybody outside the city limit." He said we asking a very small portion of people to pay for services benefitting everybody in the ETJ, and questioned the purpose of ETJs, given the State's new annexation legislation. Village Administrator Ferguson replied that the Village has never had the ability to forcibly annex anybody, as the Village is not a home rule city. Mr. Seaton said we need to keep our perspective that we are not a big city.

Mayor Blancett announced the third call for speakers. Hearing none, Mayor Blancett closed the public hearing at 8:29 p.m.

- B. Hold a public hearing regarding the Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the 2019 tax year to help fund the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget for the Village of Salado. (*Village Administrator*)

Village Administrator Ferguson presented the alternative proposal to reduce the debt service tax rate from the 0.406500 rollback rate, as listed in the Mayor's Proposed Budget, to the effective tax rate of 0.368200 (per \$100 assessed value).

Mayor Blancett opened the public hearing at 8:31 p.m. and announced the first call for speakers.

Tim Fleischer of 912 Cedar Park Circle spoke on the need to address various exemptions, such as a 20 percent homestead exemption (available to homeowners regardless of age), \$50,000 deduction from taxable value (for those 65 years of age or older), and the tax freeze (for those 65 years of age or older and for disabled veterans). He felt the Board should look at doing away with the \$50,000 deduction from taxable value for those 65 or older, as it will not affect those who already have their taxes frozen. He stated his understanding that the 65 or over tax freeze can never be taken away per State law, but said the Village can reconsider the \$50,000 reduction in value for those 65 or older every 10 years after adoption. He said by 2029, a lot of other people will have moved in and frozen their taxes with that \$50,000 exemption. He felt the purpose of the over 65 exemption for school districts makes sense, as those over 65 are no longer customers of the school district, but felt those over 65 use municipal services as much or more than those under 65. He asked the Board to look at the \$50,000 reduction in taxable value, as it would not affect anyone who is already frozen.

Mayor Blancett announced the second and third calls for speakers. Hearing none, Mayor Blancett closed the public hearing at 8:34 p.m.

Mayor Blancett spoke of Salado's long-term funding goals, such as road repairs.

## 5. Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Discuss and consider possible action regarding possible modifications to the Village of Salado Golf Cart Ordinance. (*Alderman John Cole*)

Alderman Cole spoke on existing ordinance provisions, cited information regarding golf cart injuries and State law regarding golf cart operations and municipalities' ability to regulate such operation (*full text of handout attached to these minutes*). To enhance safety, Alderman Cole proposed the following:

- Only licensed drivers will be allowed to operate a golf cart within Village limits.
- If a driver's license is not possible to obtain, persons over 14 years of age may attend a driver's safety course and obtain an operator's permit from the Salado Police Department.
- Golf carts should be required to carry liability insurance.

- Golf carts should be prohibited from operating on a street with a speed limit of more than 25 miles per hour.
- The maximum number of people riding in a golf cart will not exceed the number of available seats.
- All golf carts operating at night must be equipped with headlights, tail lights, parking brake, slow moving vehicle sign, rear view mirror, and side reflectors as mandated under State law.
- All persons are required to wear seat belts, if provided by the manufacturer.
- All golf carts would be subject to a stop by the Salado Police Department to ensure compliance with standards, if adopted.

Discussion among the Board and Village Administrator Ferguson addressed a possible requirement to obtain a registration sticker issued by the Village; whether or not child safety seats would be required for 1-2 year old children (as opposed to being a passenger with seat belt or in adult driver/passenger lap); penalizing responsible golf cart drivers; number of golf cart accidents locally; and the Village's responsibility to ensure public safety.

Alderman Cole moved to direct staff to develop an amending ordinance based on tonight's discussion for future Board consideration. Alderman Dankert seconded.

Alderman Dankert noted that there is now a golf cart rental company in operation that will have its own set of rules for their rentals. She would like to see what the rental company is requiring, such as licensing, in order to be more in alignment, but not more restrictive. She felt at minimum, the Board needs to look at night driving to be in compliance with State law; a registration process that helps educate the public on golf cart requirements; and dealing with child passengers/restraints. She favored directing staff to develop a draft amending ordinance for the Board to consider.

Mayor Pro-tem Coachman cautioned that the Village jurisdiction is only within city limits and felt that requiring registration and proof of insurance would prohibit those who live in our ETJ or immediate area from coming into Salado city limits, as they would not be able to obtain permits as non-citizens. He said those who live in the perimeter coming into Salado to shop will no longer be able to do so. Village Administrator Ferguson said the permit would only be for allowing operation within the Village's jurisdiction and different fees could be charged for residents versus non-residents. He stated that the Village does not have authority to regulate outside its limits. Alderman Dankert said people who bring their golf carts to Mill Creek to play golf are required to register their carts with the golf course. Village Administrator Ferguson said requiring insurance may address the question of minimum age, as his contacts with three insurance companies indicated that golf cart operators must be licensed. He said at minimum the issue of night driving needs to be addressed, as lights are required. He noted some cities require seat belts, but do not require retrofitting for carts manufactured without seat belts. He said there may be merit to requiring insurance, as golf carts are obligated to follow the rules of the road, like other vehicles. He conveyed staff concerns regarding lap riding in golf carts, as lap riders are likely to be thrown out of the cart, if control is lost due to bumps/potholes or accidents. Alderman Bell did not favor prohibiting night driving or requiring seat belts, but agreed with safety concerns regarding lap riding, and was "in the middle" about requiring liability insurance. Village Administrator

Ferguson advised it is the Board's decision to require permitting, and if permitting were approved, the Board should consider differentiation between resident versus non-resident. Discussion between Village Administrator Ferguson and Mayor Pro-tem Coachman addressed new State legislation giving counties' authority to allow golf cart traffic and visiting with Bell County commissioners regarding golf carts operating on county roads such as West Village, Salado School and Thomas Arnold. Alderman Coggin suggested that if the ordinance is amended, it should include a map, and felt there is not a need to drive golf carts on the west side of IH-35 unless driving to Fairway.

Mayor Blancett called for a vote on the aforementioned motion to direct staff to develop an amending draft ordinance based on tonight's discussion.

Motion failed on a vote of 2-3. Mayor Pro-tem Coachman and Aldermen Bell and Coggin voted against.

Mayor Pro-tem Coachman moved to direct staff to draft an ordinance that allows for nighttime driving of golf carts. Alderman Bell seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 3-2. Aldermen Dankert and Cole voted against.

- B. Discuss and consider possible action authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with a professional lighting contractor to work on the two (2) gateway signs located on Interstate 35 within the corporate limits of the Village of Salado and to amend the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget to reflect the cost for such work. (*Village Administrator*)

Village Administrator Ferguson provided details on current issues with the existing installations and approximate costs for a new self-contained system. He hoped to have new installation costs by Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, and advised this item needs to be continued. He anticipated the total cost for both signs to be around \$12,000 to \$15,000, with an approximate installation timeframe of 30 days.

- C. Discuss and consider possible action regarding the route for the 2019 Sirena Fest Parade in Salado, Texas. (*Village Administrator*)

Village Administrator Ferguson recommended approval of the route, which is the same as last year.

Mayor Pro-tem Coachman moved to approve the route for the 2019 Sirena Fest Parade, as presented. Alderman Coggin seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- D. Discuss and consider possible action regarding the plans for the 2019 Salado Grape Stomp on September 28, 2019 in Salado, Texas. (*Village Administrator*)

Village Administrator Ferguson noted the date on the agenda should read September 21, rather than September 28, 2019. He confirmed the date for the event is September 21<sup>st</sup> and recommended approval of the plans, which are the same as last year.



Alderman Cole moved to approve plans for the 2019 Salado Grape Stomp on September 21, 2019, as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Coachman seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- E. Discuss and consider possible action on the Comprehensive Fund Balance Policy and the Fund Balance Classification Plan for the Village of Salado. (*Village Administrator*)

Village Administrator Ferguson explained State law requires the Board review the policy annually. He advised that this policy sets out how Fund Balance is allocated and noted that the Board has the ability to change the policy at any time. He presented allocation percentages for various fund balances, including the General Fund, Hotel Occupancy Fund, and Wastewater Operation Fund, and recommended approval.

Mayor Pro-tem Coachman moved to approve the Comprehensive Fund Balance Policy and the Fund Balance Classification Plan, as presented. Alderman Bell seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- F. Discuss and consider possible action on the Investment Policy for the Village of Salado. (*Village Administrator*)

Village Administrator Ferguson explained this policy also requires annual review. He advised that no changes are proposed in the policy, which is very conservative, and recommended approval.

Alderman Bell moved to approve the Investment Policy for the Village of Salado, as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Coachman seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- G. Discuss and consider possible action regarding proposed changes to the Village of Salado Economic Development Policies and Procedures. (*Village Administrator*)

Village Administrator Ferguson advised that this item needs to be continued until the Board's September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- H. Discuss and consider possible action regarding the appointment of members to the Village of Salado Tourism Advisory Board. (*Village Administrator*)

Village Administrator Ferguson advised that of the existing members whose terms have expired, Gayle Blancett, Larry Prellap, and John Shipman have expressed interest in reappointment. He noted that due to prior commitments, Will Lowery, has not expressed interest in reappointment. He reported that no other applications have been received.

Discussion addressed the Board's current membership, specific requirements for composition of membership, and getting the word out to the public on board/committee service.

Alderman Bell moved to approve the reappointment of Gayle Blancett, Larry Prellap, and John Shipman, as presented. Alderman Coggin seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Blancett noted there is still one vacancy on the Tourism Advisory Board to be filled.

- I. Discuss and consider possible action regarding the appointment of members to the Village of Salado Economic Development Advisory Board. (*Village Administrator*)

Village Administrator Ferguson presented the following three applicants for Board consideration: Deborah Stevenson, Don Krause, and Larry Linder. It was noted that Mr. Linder is not present, but will be in attendance at the Board's September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board conducted interviews with Deborah Stevenson and Don Krause, who highlighted their professional, educational, and personal background and qualifications.

Discussion addressed Mr. Krause's willingness to serve on both the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB), possible problems with serving on both boards, and Mr. Krause's willingness to resign from one of the boards, should problems or conflicts arise.

Alderman Bell moved to approve the appointment of Deborah Stevenson and Don Krause to the EDAB. Alderman Cole seconded. Alderman Coggin requested an amendment to add the appointment of Larry Linder to the previously stated motion. Aldermen Bell and Cole accepted the amendment to the motion, as requested. Motion on the amendment carried on a vote of 5-0. Vote on the original motion to appoint Deborah Stevenson and Don Krause, including the amendment to appoint Larry Linder, carried on a vote of 5-0.

### **Adjournment**

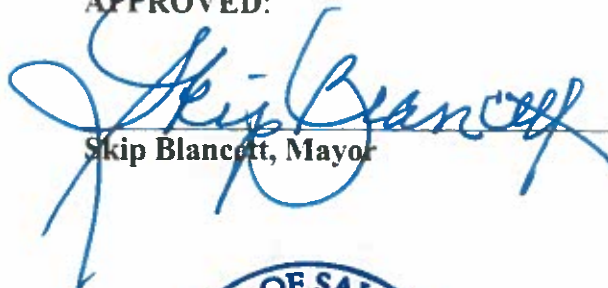
Alderman Dankert moved to adjourn. Mayor Pro-tem Coachman seconded. Mayor Blancett called the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Recorded by:

Cara McPartland

These minutes approved on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, 2019.

APPROVED:

  
Skip Blancett, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Cara McPartland, City Secretary



The Salado Historical Society is excited to present the annual Christmas Tour of Homes. Shirley Lett, Chairman, has lined up 6 beautiful Salado homes.

Changes have been made to bring the tour event into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> is the only day the tour will be presented (9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Tickets will be available on-line and for purchase at the Tourism Center only one day, Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, cash or check, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., at \$25.00 each, children under 12 free. No tickets will be sold at the homes on the tour.

Appointments for television, newspaper and radio interviews are being set up now through the Village Voice and Robbie Pettit, both offering great assistance for this event. We have ordered 3-4x8 foot banners to be placed near I35, north and south visibility. Currently, we are in negotiations to purchase a digital billboard in a prime location on

135. Posters and rack cards will include information for purchasing tickets on-line.

The posters and rack cards will include the Salado Chamber of Commerce Christmas Stroll dates at no charge to the Chamber of Commerce. We want to bring as many visitors and shoppers into the Village as we can through our efforts.

In the past, the rack cards were mailed from the Tourism Office at no charge to the organization holding the event. The monies for such mailings came from the Hotel Occupancy Tax, a legal use of these monies to promote tourism. Salado Tourism no longer offers this benefit to organizations so we will be hand-delivering them ourselves to various cities and locations in Central Texas.

Please support this event which has been a long tradition in Salado, spreading our village's unique history and charm, encouraging people to visit us.

## **Golf Cart Injury Statistics 2000 through 2016**

From the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, injuries related to golf carts accidents increased 132 percent between 2000 and 2016. The number of people injured in golf cart-related accident during this time approached 150,000. Injured individuals varied in age from 2 months to 96 years. Nearly one-third of the recorded injuries involved children.

- Robeson County, NC- Teen killed in golf cart accident
- Tulsa, OK- Student Dead, 5 Others Injured in Golf Cart Accident
- Houston, TX- Police officer fights for life after golf cart accident
- Florida woman struck by golf cart dies from injuries
- Las Vegas, NV a 12-Year Old Boy Dies in Golf Cart Accident
- 40% of golf cart accidents involve a person falling out of the cart
- 31% of reported golf cart accidents involve automobile involvement on a public street or roadway

Salado has been deemed a golf cart community, and in doing so the BOA has the inherent responsibility to make the village and golf cart operations as safe as possible.

With present village expansion in progress it is possible to operate a golf cart and recreational vehicles on roadways etc. where posted speed limits can exceed 35 to 45 mph, examples given; from the most northern, southerly, eastern village boundaries, it is possible to drive a golf cart or recreational vehicle to:

- Johnnies, college hill, etc., high school and middle school complexes, and the new sports complex
- **Golf carts and recreational vehicles will more and more intermingle with automobiles and trucks of all sizes**

I would like to propose the following measures for the BOA considerations and possible amendments to the existing village ordinance 2014.01, in order to provide a safer environment for golf cart and recreational vehicle operations with-in the village limits:

- Only licensed drivers only will be allowed to operate a golf cart or a recreational vehicle with-in the village limits of Salado:
  - If a driver's license is not possible, persons over 14 years of age may obtain an operator's permit from the Salado Police Department. Persons under the age of 14 will not be allowed this privilege
- Golf carts and recreational vehicles operating with-in the village limits must obtain and always have valid proof of liability insurance on board
- Golf carts and recreational vehicle are prohibited from operating on public streets and/or roadways with-in the village limits that have a posted speed limit the exceeds 25 mph.
- The maximum number of people riding in a golf cart or recreational vehicle will not exceed the number of available seats as designed by the manufacturer
- All golf carts and recreational vehicles are prohibited from operating after sundown unless equipped with:
  - Headlights
  - Taillights
  - Parking Brake
  - Slow moving vehicle sign
  - Rear view mirror
  - Side Reflectors

- All personnel on board the golf cart or recreational vehicle will be seat belted if provided by the manufacturer
- All golf carts and recreational vehicles operating with-in the village limits, will submit to a routine safety inspection if stopped by the Salado Police Department
- All golf carts and recreational vehicles will always be operated in a safe and courtesy manner, or will be subject to fines and penalties as designated by the Salado Police Department
- The Village of Salado will be free and clear of all personal property liability, injury liability or death liability, that is related golf cart and recreational vehicles operations